Counseling of parents regarding the potential of their wards needs to start from Class VI onwards.

Affiliation of Kendriya Vidyalayas in states with examination boards other than CBSE.

Blackmarketing of foodgrains under Mid Day Meal Scheme

1347. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that black marketing of foodgrains, meant for distribution to children in Government schools under the Mid Day Meal Scheme, have been seized by the police in the recent past, which were allegedly provided to them by certain non-government organizations (NGOs), and such practice is on rampant; and

(b) the measures Government proposes to put a check on improper use of the food materials by the NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Some cases of blackmarketing and misuse of foodgrain meant for Mid Day Meal Scheme have come to the notice of the Government. Details and action taken are given the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The Mid Day Meal guidelines provide for association of voluntary agencies in the supply of cooked mid day meal. The identification of voluntary agencies is made at the State/district level. The following aspects are required to be taken into consideration while determining the suitability of a voluntary agency for supply of cooked mid day meal.

(i) The voluntary agency should not discriminate in any manner on the basis of religion, caste and creed, and should not use the programme for propagation of any religious practice.

(ii) The voluntary agency should be a body that is registered under the Societies Registration Act or the Public Trust Act, and should have been in existence for a minimum period of two years.

(iii) There should be a commitment to undertake supply responsibility on a no-profit basis.

(iv) It should have financial and logistic capacity to supply the mid day meal on the requisite scale.

(v) It should abide by the parameters of the mid day meal scheme particularly with regard to the prescription of eligible children, nutrition content etc.

(vi) It should be willing to work with PRIs/Municipal bodies in accordance with relevant guidelines of the State Government.

(vii) It should furnish to the body assigning the work to it an Annual Report along with audited statement of accounts in terms of all grants received from the State Government, both in cash and kind, duly certified by an approved Chartered Accountant.

(viii) The voluntary organization shall not entrust sub-contract the programme or divert any part of the assistance (food grains/money) to any other organization/agency.

(ix) It should give a commitment to return to the State Government any permanent semi permanent assets, acquired by the Voluntary Organization from the grants received under programme, once it ceases to undertake the supply work.

(x) All accounts, stock and registers maintained by the voluntary organization should be open to inspection by officers appointed by the State Government.

(xi) State Government may prescribe such other conditions, as they may deem appropriate in addition to the conditions stated above.

Statement

Details and Action taken regarding blackmarketing of foodgrains under Mid Day Meal Scheme

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Nature of irregularities	Status of action taken
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Misuse of mid-day meal (rice) in West Godawari District in 2005	The State Govt. has initiated disciplinary against the Head Master.
2.	Bihar	Black marketing of foodgrains in Patna District in 2005. Stock of foodgrains found in Teacher's house inWest Champaran District in 2005.	The State Govt. has initiated an enquiry in the matter.
3.	Orissa	A teacher was caught selling rice meant forMid Day Meal Scheme in Jagatsinghpur District in 2005.	The State Govt. has initiated disciplinary action against the teacher.
4.	Maharashtra	There are few instances of misuse of foodgrains reported in Sandli, Dhule and Sholapur District.	The FIR has been filed against the concerned persons.
5.	Rajasthan	Complaint received from Shri Hanuman Ram and others of Village Band, District Barmer regarding foodgrains sold in market and embezzlement of funds in 2006.	The State Govt. has reported that after inquiry, the allegations were found to be baseless.
6.	Uttar Pradesh	(i) Complaint received in February, 2006 from Shri Krishanpal Rana and others regarding misappropriation of foodgrains and cooking cost funds in village Nirpura, Block Binauli, Tehsil Barot, District Baghpat. (UP) by Village Pradhan and teachers.	(i) The State Govt. has reported that after inquiry, the allegations were not found to be correct.

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		(ii) 8 rice laden trucks meant for MDM lifted by 3 NGOs from Bulandshahar (UP) were seized by Delhi Police in Samastipur Badli area in 2005.	(ii) The contract of the concerned NGOs has been cancelled. An FIR has been lodged against the culprits. Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Bulandshahar has been suspended. Orders have been issued for special audit of the funds of the NGOs and inter-district transfer of food grains issued under MDM Scheme has been banned.
		(iii) Complaint received in February, 2006 from Shri Vijay Raj Saini, Secretary, Youth Congress(I), Moradabad regarding allegation of corruption against District Basic Education Officer of Moradabad/ Amroha.	(iii) The State Government has reported that after a preliminary enquiry, allegations were not found to be correct. The State Government has directed District Education Officer to furnish a detailed report.
7.	West Bengal	(i) Misuse of supplyu of foodgrains in Ratua Block II in Malda District was reported. Shri Zamil Hosseil, the the storing Agent of MDM rice did did not deliver 2203.02 quintals of rice which was lifted by him between September, 2003 to June, 2004.	(i) In case of Zamil Hosseil, FIR was lodged Accused Zamil Hosseil surrendered before the Court of Additional District Judge First Court on 25.4.2006.
		(ii) The District Inspector of School (PE) Cooch Behar reported that from April 2002 to March, 2004, 1460 schools of the district did not receive foodgrains for periods varying from one month to twelve months. 430 out of total 595 MR dealers of the district didn't give exact quantity of rice, which they were supposed to give. Two of the dealers submitted false utilisation certification.	(ii) In Cooch Behar FIR was lodged against the MR dealer who submitted the false utilisation certificate. The license of those MR dealer have been suspended. Legal action against 38 MR dealers initiated.
8	NCT of Delhi	The Delhi Police seized 2 Trucks carrying the rice lifted by the NGO/ Suppliers under Mid Day Meal Scheme from FCI godown, which were taken to Narela for sale in open market	FIR No. 168/07 was lodged in Police Station, Narela. Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has conducted a Departmental enquiry to ascertain the facts. Three defaulting service providers viz. Jan Sevak Associates, Bal Bhoj and Shade India Society are blacklisted.